

ISLAND CITY NEWS ITEMS

Southern Pacific Not Fully Satisfied with the Levi Contract.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CONSIDER MATTER

Second Engineer of the San Marcos Arrested for Striking a Fireman, but Was Released.

Galveston, Texas, January 28.—A movement was set on foot this afternoon to have a called meeting of the city council early next week, at which it is expected Mr. Lovett of Houston, as the attorney of Mr. Huntington, will be present and submit what is wanted in the matter of the Southern Pacific entrance into Galveston. Mr. Lovett is represented as saying that the Levi contract is a hindrance to the Southern Pacific coming here, but he does not desire to be placed in a position of antagonism to the contract or to any other plans of the city council. In an interview this afternoon Mr. Lovett said:

"I am ready to go before the city council whenever it may be pleased to convene, not earlier than Tuesday night of next week, to make a definite proposition upon the whole matter of the Southern Pacific's entrance into Galveston. We will ask for what is required, and, for obvious reasons, will ask that no one be allowed to enter upon the flats in front of the property which the Southern Pacific has purchased."

A called meeting of the stockholders of the chamber of commerce will be held Tuesday night to discuss the Levi contract and to render any aid that can be done to clear away all obstructions to the Pacific coming here.

THE ENGINEER RELEASED.

A warrant was issued this afternoon by United States Commissioner A. R. Hopkins for the arrest of the second engineer of the Mallory line steamer San Marcos. The vessel arrived from New York this morning and is expected to depart tomorrow.

Harry Bouchard of Philadelphia, Pa., who was a fireman on the steamer, appeared before Commissioner Hopkins this afternoon with his arm in a sling, his throat swelled and his back bruised. He made a statement under oath that at 1:30 a. m., January 23, while the San Marcos was on the high seas and he was at one of the port holes getting a breath of fresh air, he was struck over the head, back and shoulders with an iron bar or other heavy weapon in the hands of the second engineer, kicked and beaten and thrown backward down a flight of steps into the engine room. Later the second engineer told him the chief engineer wanted to see him. When he appeared before the chief engineer in the engine room, he says, the latter said: "You are a fellow who don't mouth shut." Then, he declares, the chief engineer caught him by the throat and held him against the engine room wall while the second engineer stuffed oil rags down his throat.

Bouchard says he had his right arm broken five months ago. Whether the blows he received on the morning of the 23d had re-broken the arm he doesn't know, but he has to keep the arm in a sling. He says he suffers greatly. From the time he was beaten until the arrival of the vessel here, he says, he had to remain in his bunk. The steward attended to him. He says the engineers wouldn't let him see the captain and tried to prevent him from leaving the vessel. He escaped this morning, says with the assistance of a friend on board and of some of the colored longshoremen.

The beating of one of the crew of an American vessel is an offense punishable by a fine of not more than \$1000, or by imprisonment not more than five years, or by both.

Bouchard doesn't know the name of the engineer or the second engineer. The warrant for the arrest of the second engineer was placed in Deputy Marshal Dorrough's hands for execution. Subpoenas were also issued for several witnesses. Captain Young of the San Marcos says the fireman's story is exaggerated. The man struck his work, he says, and only shipped to get South where it was warm.

At the hearing, Commissioner Hopkins discharged the engineer. Captain Young was compelled to pay the complainant the wages due him and the injured man was sent to the hospital to be treated.

BIG LOAD OF COTTON.

The British steamship Samoa will sail tomorrow for Manchester with the greatest cotton cargo ever carried out of Galveston.

She will have on board 19,700 bales of cotton and some miscellaneous cargo consisting of 5502 plates of spelter, 16,543 pigs of lead, 500 sacks of flour and some household goods.

Cotton isn't worth much in these degenerate days, but the "few" bales on board the Samoa are valued at \$300,750. The remainder of the stuff on board will make the cargo value approximately \$500,000.

There are larger vessels than the Samoa. There have been larger vessels here, but none has taken such an amount of cotton. Figuring fifty bales of cotton to a car and thirty cars to a train, it would take 294 cars and thirteen trains to bring the cotton freight that is stowed away in the Samoa.

The Samoa is of 4507 tons net registry and is commanded by Captain Hudson. She was loaded by Fowler & McVittie.

COURT OFFICIALS INTERESTED.

The news from Austin that the attorney general has ordered District Attorney Lea to prosecute former District Attorney Gillespie for violation of the fee law was received with considerable satisfaction in court circles here today. Mr. Gillespie, it will be recalled, failed to keep an account of the fees that came into his possession and refused the request of the Galveston county grand jury to make an annual report. He holds that the law is unconstitutional and in this belief his opinion is shared by the county officers. This will surely result in a test case being made, a thing the opponents of the law have long desired. The penalty for a violation of the fee law is a fine of \$5 for each and every day an officer fails to keep a set of books.

PETITIONS IN BANKRUPTCY.

L. L. Wolf of Houston filed a petition in bankruptcy here today, naming liabilities to the amount of \$7350. No assets. Wolf formerly lived in Dallas and was a member of the firm of Black & Wolf, doing business at 226 Main street.

A. B. Means of Houston has also filed a petition in bankruptcy. He has no assets and owes debts to the amount of \$5000.

D. D. Orner of Navarro today filed a petition in bankruptcy in the Federal court. Liabilities, \$3347; no assets.

OLD SUIT SETTLED.

The last disputed case of Charles Gibson & Co. against the owners of the steamship Effraim, went finally off the books of the courts yesterday, when a decision of the plaintiffs' attorney, representative of the plaintiffs, signed and filed with the clerk of the Federal court.

here for more than \$25,000. A brief history of the case was printed in The Post only a short time ago, when the suit was determined in the United States supreme court. The amount of the original judgment was only about \$25,000, but interest has increased it to the sum first named.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

At the Tremont: Charles I. Barker, Morristown, Pa.; R. H. Hefly, Colorado Springs; S. W. Morton, St. Louis; G. Insler Jones, Philadelphia; Thomas H. Abbott, Philadelphia; James F. Flower and wife, Kyria, Ohio; G. T. Howard, Massachusetts; Milton D. Joseph, New York; Samuel Starrow and wife, Miss Starrow and maid, Colorado Springs; William D. Campbell, Pittsburgh, Pa.; P. C. Cawthorn, New York; J. B. Stannard, Chicago; Dr. J. A. Cable, Detroit, Mich.; H. V. Riesen, New York; C. A. Morris, St. Louis; W. W. Cawkins, New Orleans; T. B. Maddox, New York; H. C. Wheeler, Iowa; Captain Thomson, Captain Anderson, Captain Dilliver, Liverpool; I. C. Hatch, Shreveport, La.; T. P. Marshall, Dallas.

A BIG GIN.

Both the Round and Square Bales Will Be Pressed.

Hillsboro, Texas, January 28.—Crumley & Morris, ginners and manufacturers of this city, are closing contracts to double their already large gin. They are building a large brick house and next season will have in operation both the square bale and round bale systems. Their square bale system will have a capacity of 100 bales per day and their round bale system will have a capacity of 200 bales per day. This will give Hillsboro probably the largest gin in Texas and among the largest in the South. They are yet undecided whether they will put in the Lowrey round bales or the round bales of the American Cotton company. Representatives of the Lowrey bales are here now figuring with them. They will make their decision in a few days and purchase their machinery and rush the buildings to completion.

SHOT BY A PREACHER.

The Affair Is the Sequel to a Dallas County Dispute.

Paris, Texas, January 28.—Rev. Marshall Kerbon, a Baptist preacher, and George Shelton, living on adjoining farms, sixteen miles south of here, engaged in a shooting affray yesterday evening.

Shelton's daughter eloped with a young man and Kerbon married them, which incensed her father. They met Thursday and had a fight in which the preacher was badly worsted. Meeting in the road today, both being armed, they opened fire. Shelton with a revolver and Kerbon with a rifle. Shelton began firing first and emptied his revolver without effect. Two bullets from the preacher's rifle entered Shelton's breast and pierced him through and through. After the shooting Rev. Kerbon carried Shelton home. He is still alive.

COSTLY PRACTICAL JOKE.

An Express Driver's Skull Fractured, Began in Sport.

Dallas, Texas, January 28.—This morning Stanton Stallings, driver for the Wells Fargo express was sitting on his wagon, when Brice Crawford, a fellow-employee, came along. Stallings playfully switched him on the leg with his whip and Crawford in the same good spirits seized an old door lock and threw it at him. Stallings turned and ducked his head, but the metal descending on the base of his skull fractured it and shoved the bone against the brain. Stallings was carried unconscious to the hospital, where five pieces of bone were removed and the skull trepanned. He may recover.

THE EPILEPTIC ASYLUM.

Abilene Objects to Fort Worth Efforts to Secure Its Location.

Fort Worth, Texas, January 28.—State Senator W. P. Sebastian, of the Twenty-eighth district, came in today from Austin, where he had been attending to the bill in the senate providing for the building of an epileptic asylum and for its location at Abilene. Speaking of this matter he said: "The Abilene people are very much opposed to the location of the asylum. They say Abilene and all West Texas will resent the effort to pull the location from Abilene, which place offers to donate 400 acres of land and to furnish water needed at 6 cents per thousand gallons."

Hanged Over for Murder.

Hallettsville, Texas, January 28.—August Miller, Esq., justice of the peace in the Sublime precinct, spent several days here this week holding examining trial of Charles Matzke, husband of the woman who last December was murdered on a night near the hog pen of defendant, from which a fattening hog had been taken and killed. After hearing a number of witnesses a \$500 bond was required of the defendant to await action of the grand jury. Two negroes arrested a few days after the murder are in jail awaiting action of the grand jury. It was one of the most brutal murders ever committed in Lavaca county and the officers are working every clue to locate the murderer.

Death of Mrs. Oakes.

Columbus, Texas, January 28.—Mrs. K. W. Oakes died tonight after a lingering illness. Her mother, Mrs. C. A. Wilson of Houston, was buried here Wednesday. As teacher and principal of the Colorado academy and the Columbus high school for the past thirty-three years, she has guided the minds and endeared the hearts of a majority of the citizens of Columbus. She was happily married in 1867 to Captain P. J. Oakes of company A, Fifth Texas mounted volunteers of the Confederate army, a gallant officer and manly gentleman, who died in 1891.

Topics at Terrell.

Terrell, Texas, January 27.—Mr. W. H. Echols' residence in ward No. 3 caught fire this morning about 10 o'clock and burned a hole a few feet in the roof, besides damaging the contents of the house. Damage about \$400; insured for \$1000.

Burglar Quickly Caught.

Yonkum, Texas, January 28.—Last night Lyons' cut price store on Grand avenue was entered by a burglar and robbed of goods to the value of about \$50. Early this morning Marshal Griswell was notified and at once began work on the case, and by 10 o'clock had located the stolen goods and arrested the guilty party, a negro.

Was an Old Rape Fiend.

Cuero, Texas, January 28.—A negro by the name of Henderson was sentenced yesterday for horse theft. It developed that he had been convicted of rape in Victoria county and had forty year sentence, twenty of which he has served out. He was convicted under the name of Willis Fields.

Watches, diamonds, jewelry of all kinds, and other merchandise in our stores, exchanged for real estate in city or country. Haverney Loan Office, 204 Main street.

FARMERS' ORGANIZATION

Movement on Foot to Establish a New Political Party.

PLATFORM OF PRINCIPLES FORMULATED

An Effort Being Made to Have the Man with the Hoe Numerously Represented in State Affairs.

Aron, Ill., January 27.—The conference of delegates from the farmers' organizations in Fulton, Warren and McDonough counties have declared for the holding of a National convention to form the National farmers' party. A committee was appointed with instructions to begin preparations at once for the event. As quickly as possible representatives will be appointed all over the United States. It is proposed to hold the convention not later than the first week in March, Chicago being favored as the convention place.

Eldon W. Bradbury, who has been engaged in the work of organization, read this declaration of principles, which was adopted without dissent:

"We hold that all men are created equal and are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that it is to preserve these rights that governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, and that whenever a government becomes destructive of these ends it is the duty of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to adopt such measures as will insure their rights."

"We hold that the rule of minority classes is contrary to the spirit of our institutions and destructive to our rights. We hold that the only free government is that in which the lawmaking bodies are composed of direct representatives from such industries or occupations as have a majority of the votes in the congressional and legislative districts defined by our constitution and the laws of our States."

"We hold an abiding faith in the truth and justice of our country and that to our farmer in the United States to join hands with us in effecting our purpose, which is the nomination and election of farmers as members of our legislature. Agriculture being the chief industry in the United States, the importance of our interests demand prompt and energetic action. To that end we urge an expression of opinion from farmers of this country as to the necessity of holding a convention at the earliest and most convenient time and place to discuss our condition and to adopt such measures and take such action as may seem necessary."

A brief discussion ensued over the proposition that the representation in the proposed National convention should be one delegate for each district sending a representative to the lower house of the legislature in the respective States.

A number of letters from farmers' and labor organizations in various States, addressed to A. W. Holladay, the original mover in the new organization, were read.

The Talk of Old Confederates.

To the Editor of The Post.

Houston, Texas, January 28.—Last Saturday evening I ran right into quite a gathering of old Confederates in front of 508½ Main street, and they were intensely interested as to what disposition should be made of the gravel with which Main street is covered. Colonel William Kirklake, general boss of a railroad at Hearne, disposed of it in a jiffy. "If," he remarked, "it is not stipulated in the contract that the gravel is the property of the contractor, it should be hauled away and placed upon intersecting streets, for a block or two on either side of Main, which will obviate the great accumulation of mud being dumped by the wheels of vehicles, as the mud will fill off the wheels before reaching Main."

This was a suggestion, which met the unanimous consent of the party, and we considered the matter settled. If we could only convey the idea to the mayor, I was deputized to communicate with him through The Post, and I now impose upon the kindness of your columns to carry our great daily by performing that duty.

The subject was changed by Colonel Kindred giving us his experience of many years ago while on a visit to Houston. He never saw any one witnessed such scenes in any town as Houston afforded during an awful spell of rain. Two omnibuses were broken down and up to their hubs in mud in front of the building house. The streets were impassable, and the only mode of transporting freight from the International and Great Northern railway depot was on a flat car drawn by a boodid mule. The darkness at night was impenetrable, and the lonely wayfarer invariably carried a lantern.

Houston has improved since those times and is far ahead of all competitors. If we old Confederates can also cut a few more years we will be kept in wonderment and admiration at her growth and progress.

"I remember," chimed in a handsome George Brnard, "that I was on duty at night as dark as Erebus, trudging along the sidewalk on court house square, when I espied coming towards me a female, dressed as white as snow. She halted in front of me and in a low, husky voice, in Shakespearean style she said, 'Keep repeating.' 'There he is at last, I have found him!' She pressed her hands to her heart in a gesture of intense emotion, and then, in a beseeching look, 'My heart is in my mouth. I am not a believer in ghosts and I knew she was crazy. I lit out into the middle of the street, and was at home and under the cover in a twinkling. How I ever made such time is beyond even conjecture. I often think about that woman, and wonder if she was afraid of me, and took that means of frightening all of my good looks away.'"

I, in order to be in the swim, related that, when much younger than now, I was meandering down the street one dark night and met a colored lady. She was as dark as the night, eye, as black as a stack of black cats. Being afraid that something would jump at me from every corner I politely accosted her with a good evening. I saw her stoop and my suspicious nature came into full play at once. I took to my heels, followed nearly a square by a brick, with which she intended to kill a "white trash." I was more polite than had city boys generally were toward her, and she took this means of evincing her appreciation.

At this juncture Major J. H. Littlefield, an old soldier, who was quartermaster of Hood's brigade, joined our party and congratulations on his fine appearance were the order of the day. How I ever made honor the major, and refer to war matters to him.

In endeavoring to catch the street car on our homeward voyage, a major couldn't do much running. I insisted that he had perhaps done some good running in Virginia quail after during the war. "No," he replied, "I was with R. E. Lee, and he and his men didn't have to run." What a consolation it is to have been a soldier of soldiers and know that after all the years that have elapsed the comrades you once marched and suffered with reverence and honor you, as we all do Major J. H. Littlefield, do once celebrated and yet true and noble devotees to the cause he and we love so well. Philip H. Hall.

Two Hundred Patients This Week.

DR. SEYMOUR WILL GIVE ANOTHER WEEK OF FREE CONSULTATION.

People Coming From All Parts of the State to Consult Him in Regard to Their Eyes.

Dr. Seymour's skill is thoroughly appreciated by Houston people, as his large offices at the Capitol Hotel have been crowded during the entire week.

If your eyes are giving you any trouble, now is the time to attend to them, and this is an opportunity which is seldom offered.

Dr. Seymour has given much of his time to children for the past two weeks, but will now devote more attention to grown people. He is endorsed by the highest authorities in medical and scientific circles.

Don't put it off until it is too late if you want to consult him, as you may lose the opportunity of your life. There is nothing in this world to be compared with your eyesight, and if the strongest of testimonies from thousands of people who have received his skillful treatment is to be relied upon, you can not afford to allow any prejudice to stand in the way of your calling on him at the earliest possible moment. He does not ask for a cent of your money until he has thoroughly demonstrated his ability.

A REMARKABLE TEST.

As a proof of his superior and absolute knowledge of all conditions of sight, any person coming to Dr. Seymour for his advice will be told exactly the condition of their eyes and what he can do for them in the way of sight, each of his statements being proven as it is made, without patient having to say a word in explanation of his trouble. This is the most severe test known to science, and only a man of the highest ability can perform this wonderful feat.

CROSS EYES STRAIGHTENED FREE!

In order to demonstrate and prove to the minds of the skeptical that this can be done without pain or risk, Dr. Seymour will on Tuesday, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 12 m., take the first ten cross-eyed children brought to him and straighten their eyes by his improved methods absolutely free, furnishing all glasses, etc., necessary at his own expense. He does this to prove that there is absolutely no question but that this means is the only safe method to pursue. There is absolutely no danger, and parents who will neglect this offer should be looked upon as wilfully negligent of their children, as there is absolutely no excuse to be offered in their behalf.

Rooms 7, 8 and 9 Capitol Hotel Annex.

Entrance by way of Elevator or on Travis Street, near Capitol Avenue.

IF YOU WOULD BE SYMPH-LIKE.

You Must Learn to Run and Increase Your Height and Symmetry.

New York Journal.

Fashion rules out the bounding athletic girl; the physical faddists have been trying to train the last ten years. She is large and loose, but she isn't built for staying power, and grows about too suddenly. Fashion looks for the symph-like waist and sloping shoulders again. It has given us a season of the Auvergne heroine in low, broad primed hats, with drooping feather and frock trimmed to the waist with rows of narrow black velvet ribbon—see Thackeray, illustrated. But the English universities are taking up rule again as the acme of sport for their men. He who knows how to run finds it hard to keep on the earth, hard to keep down those feet which feel winged at the heel like Mercury's. Prof. Boyer, in charge of the physical training of the naval school at Annapolis, finds that such thorough exercise increases height and creates symmetry, while it proves sight, hearing and all the senses.

pocket unperceived. She is not cast for the part of the drooping lily.

No, the languishing Sedley model won't fit our girls. The princess gown of cloth or velvet, as please your purse and the time of day, says the style for American women ten years to come. Accordingly, they are anxious to train their redundant curves into willow shape. High medical opinion says bluntness of the flesh which strains their corsets, crowds car seats, trundles down the aisles in theaters and takes up too much room on this planet anywhere. And how are they going to lose avoirdupois? The cracker, the trainee, have one answer to the anxious question how to reduce waist measures. They one and all run running is the best way to grow slender.

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Smallpox Scare.

Coriscana, Texas, January 28.—The report that smallpox had developed in Mexico, thirty miles south of here, has served to create considerable excitement in this city.

The board of health held a meeting late yesterday afternoon and should any other cases develop a strict quarantine will be instituted.

Chance for a Hotel.

Hillsboro, Texas, January 28.—The destruction of the Commercial hotel and the Windsor hotel by fire leaves this city with only one first-class hotel, that being the

Dance at Hearne.

Hearne, Texas, January 28.—A pleasant dance was given at the

hall last night and all present reporting had a delightful time. Among those who attended from Calver, were Dan Watson and Edith Gibson and Dan Boyles, Messrs. George Bergman and Sam Moses. J. T. Lane returned this morning. P. L. Daily left last night for

Are You a Victim of Drugs?

Read in This Your Own Story. . . . It is the Story of Thousands Who Have Been Rescued from the Drug Habit

Since childhood we have been taught to consult a doctor when we felt sick. It is all very proper. A doctor of medicine should be a protection against disease. . . . There are times, however, when medicine and all the efforts of the best doctors fail to remove the ailment. Temporary benefit results from a certain dose, but the next dose must be heavier, and so on, until drugs produce no more effect. Then it is time to quit.

They Cannot Cure You.

Your disease is of the nerves, and the stomach, through which the nerves are stimulated, is almost paralyzed from the use of drugs. It is weak, your nerves are weak, your whole body is weak; you are almost a nervous wreck; you get dizzy, faint spells; your back aches; your legs wobble under you; your sleep is broken; your mainly strength is exhausted; your brain is inactive, memory poor.

I Have Help for Such as You.

For thirty years I have made a study of such cases. I have seen the utter failure of drugs, and knowing their uselessness, I decided many years ago to treat with electricity. I perfected my now famous **ELECTRIC BELT** for the purpose of giving nerve life to the nerves, food to the tissues, and cleanliness to the stomach. By my method I have caused over 10,000 cures during the past five years, and have a little book, "Three Classes of Men," which explains my system. It is free. Call or write for it. It will be worth many hundreds of dollars to you.

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